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A news digest for U.S. forces serving overseas

B-52 fire shields GIs caught in Afghan fray

BY TODD PITMAN
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — A mammoth B-52 bomber was called into combat for the first time in five months Sunday to protect U.S. special operations forces battling armed Afghans outside an American base.

No U.S. servicemembers were injured during the shoot-out in western Afghanistan, but at least 11 Afghans were killed in factional fighting, U.S. and local officials said.

The battle began when a group of armed Afghans patrolling outside Shindand air base stopped another group of armed Afghans on the roadside, U.S. military spokesman Col. Roger King said.

The second group then fired at the patrol, King said.

The Americans, who were inside the air base, also came under fire. They returned fire, then called for air support while making their escape, King said. The B-52 bomber dropped seven 2,000-pound laser-guided bombs.

The last time U.S. forces reported using a B-52 in combat in Afghanistan was a July 1 attack in central Uruzgan province, when Afghan authorities say 48 civilians were killed and 117 were injured.

In that attack, a B-52 struck suspected al-Qaida and Taliban cave and bunker complexes, while an AC-130 gunship strafed several villages. U.S. officials said they believed the villages were legitimate targets.

Sunday's incident occurred as forces loyal to Ammanul-

lah Khan, an ethnic Pashtun commander, and rival Ismail Khan clashed in the region. The fighting has forced thousands of residents to flee from at least 500 homes near the front line.

Ammanullah Khan accused his longtime adversary's ethnic Tajik forces of ordering a massive attack Saturday night — using tanks, artillery and rocket launchers — on his positions in Zer-e-Koh district, about 15 miles south of Shindand.

Ammanullah Khan said the fighting continued Sunday as his forces tried to repel Ismail Khan's forces. Late Sunday, Ismail Khan's fighters fired down on Zer-e-Koh with truck-mounted multiple rocket launchers positioned in nearby mountains, he said.

Ammanullah Khan said American planes dropped at least six bombs near front line positions at Zer-e-Koh — not Shindand.

"Bombs exploded on Ismail Khan's side and others exploded on our side. We think the Americans were dropping bombs to end the fighting," Ammanullah Khan said, adding that he had no contact with U.S. special operations forces and had not seen any in the area.

King said the bombing had nothing to do with the factional fighting and U.S. forces "never get involved" in disputes between rival warlords.

Ammanullah Khan said 11 of his fighters were killed and seven others were wounded. Neither side made any territorial advances, he said.

It's a go



JASON CARTER/Stars and Stripes

Plane captains signal that their planes are ready for takeoff recently on the flight deck of the USS Kitty Hawk.

Navy rethinking its 'man overboard' regulations

BY MATTHEW DOLAN
The Virginian-Pilot

NORFOLK, Va. — In 1990, the Naval Safety Center reported that 115 sailors fell overboard. In 2001, the number dropped to two.

Did the Navy make great progress? No. It just changed the rules.

The safety center used to collect information on almost every sailor who fell overboard. So-called "jumpers" — sailors who attempted to go AWOL or commit suicide — were weeded out.

But if a sailor slips overboard today, the ship's safety officer does not file an incident report to the center unless the sailor misses five work days, according to John Scott, a statistical safety data manager with the center. The only exception would be if the fall caused a back injury.

The center made the reporting change in 1993, because officials believed that collecting information on everyone who dropped into the water

didn't serve their aim to develop new safety measures or mark important trends.

In 1993, the number of man-overboards was 64. The next year, it was 11.

On the flip side, some incidents classified as "man-overboard" hardly fit the definition.

The Navy describes incidents as man-overboards even if sailors fall off piers, drop into the water while boarding a ship or get tossed while on a liberty boat.

Two of the three deaths listed as man-overboards within the past year came from sailors who died aboard a sinking Iraqi ship during an interdiction operation in the Persian Gulf.

"So that's a problem," Scott said.

A total of 551 sailors have been classified as man-overboards since 1988. Forty-five of them died.

Submarines, by the numbers, remain the most dangerous place.

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Neither Ismail Khan nor his deputies were available for comment.

Ammanullah Khan said he had called Kabul to inform President Hamid Karzai's government about the fighting and to request that the central government intervene and disarm both sides.

However, Karzai has little authority outside Kabul. The rest of the country is in the hands of regional warlords with private armies at their disposal.

Ismail Khan, a former governor, regained control of Herat after U.S.-led forces ousted the hardline Taliban regime last year. But local Pashtuns complain that his forces have looted the area and oppressed them.

Also on Sunday, unidentified attackers fired four rockets at an American-controlled airport in the eastern city of Khost, King and a local government official said.

A vehicle parked near the airport's gate exploded soon after the attack, with shrapnel slightly injuring one U.S. soldier in the arm, King said. The rockets were believed to have been fired from the vehicle and the attackers fled before U.S. troops arrived, he said.

U.S. forces based in eastern Afghanistan are hunting al-Qaida and Taliban fugitives near the Pakistan border. Unknown attackers sometimes fire rockets and other weapons at the troops or their bases, but they rarely hit their target.

On Wednesday, gunmen ambushed a U.S. special forces convoy near the eastern town of Gardez, wounding one American soldier in the leg. Meanwhile, Afghan security forces arrested eight Afghans in Chapar Har village in eastern Nangarhar province, state radio said.

Provincial commander Hazrat Ali said the eight men were al-Qaida members linked to recent rocket attacks in the area.

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Within a month of the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in August 1990, the first Bush administration launched what became known as Operation Tin Cup — a frenzied round of diplomacy aimed at getting U.S. allies to help pay for war with Iraq. As a result, the bill to American taxpayers for the Persian Gulf War was about \$7 billion, a fraction of its cost.

Although it is difficult to predict how much Americans will pay for a new war with Iraq, one fact seems indisputable: It will be many times more than the cost of the last war, if only because other countries are much more reluctant to share the burden.

Informal estimates by con-

gressional staff and Washington think tanks of the costs of an invasion of Iraq and a post-war occupation of the country have been in the range of \$100 billion to \$200 billion. If the fighting is protracted, and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein blows up Iraqi oilfields, most economists believe the indirect costs of the war could be much greater, reverberating through the U.S. economy for many years.

Despite the high economic and political stakes, there has been no equivalent of Operation Tin Cup this time around, and the current Bush administration has refused to engage in public debate about the likely costs of a new war.

"If we can plan a war, we should also be planning a way to pay for the war," said Rep.

John M. Spratt Jr., D-S.C., the ranking Democrat on the House Budget Committee. "Last time, we were able to slough the costs off on other countries. This time, we will have to absorb most of these costs ourselves. Someone ought to be asking questions about the impact on the budget."

A White House official, speaking on condition anonymity, said it would be premature to talk about the costs of a war with Iraq because President Bush has not decided on the use of military force. He added that unofficial estimates of the cost of war had to be weighed against the "potentially incalculable" political, diplomatic and economic costs of permitting Saddam to develop and spread weapons of mass destruction.

U.N. arms teams visit airfield

The Associated Press

KHAN BANI SA'AD, Iraq — U.N. disarmament teams inspected a half-derelict airfield in corn country north of Baghdad on Sunday, a place where Iraqi experts engineered devices for bombarding an enemy from the air with sprays of killer microbes.

The U.N. inspectors checked on equipment sealed and tagged by U.N. teams in the 1990s, and pored through paper and computer files, the airfield's director said. But they apparently found none of the advanced spray systems, unaccounted for since the Persian Gulf War.

"We showed them everything," said the director, Montadhar Radeef Mohammed.

The inspectors, as usual, kept their findings confidential, pending later formal reports.

In their first week of inspections, the U.N. monitors paid unannounced visits to a dozen Iraqi sites with a variety of specialties and links to weapons programs in the 1980s — from

an animal vaccine plant that brewed lethal toxins for bombs, to an industrial complex planned to house hundreds of gas centrifuges producing enriched uranium for Iraqi nuclear weapons.

In both those cases, and dozens of others, the earlier inspectors destroyed the critical equipment, and put other gear under seal, video surveillance or other forms of control. They also destroyed many tons of chemical and biological agents for weapons.

That inspection regime collapsed in 1998, however, as the Baghdad government and U.N. officials clashed over access to Iraqi sites and the presence of U.S. spies in the U.N. operation. Those inspectors believed they never found all of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

The inspections have resumed under a U.N. Security Council mandate for Iraq, 11 years after its Gulf War defeat, to finally give up any remaining chemical, biological or nuclear weapons programs, or face "serious consequences."

Afghan guard training

KABUL, Afghanistan — About 400 Afghan soldiers charged with guarding the presidential palace graduated Sunday from an advanced military training course given by Turkish peacekeepers.

The soldiers of the 1st Battalion Afghan National Guard completed a 10-week course led by 30 Turkish officers deployed in Afghanistan as part of the 4,800-strong International Security Assistance Force, or ISAF.

"This has been a golden chance for the Afghan people because the international community and the ISAF are helping train our army," said the Afghan army chief of staff, Gen. Asif Dilawar. "The responsibility for keeping the peace in Afghanistan tomorrow is on your shoulders."

The men, who received their first round of training from British peacekeepers earlier this year, were intended to be the vanguard of the country's new multiethnic army, which now totals about 1,200 men. But many of the 600 initially trained quit because their salaries were too low.

From The Associated Press

Protesters: 'Punish American GIs'

BY SANG-HUN CHOE

The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — At least 3,000 students and activists marched with candles and burned an American flag Saturday to protest the acquittals of two U.S. soldiers in a traffic accident that killed two Korean girls.

"Punish American GIs! Go away American GIs!" they chanted, occupying four lanes of an eight-lane boulevard a block away from the U.S. Embassy in central Seoul.

The demonstrators held lit candles in paper cups, illuminating the streets.

Scuffles occurred when protesters insisted on marching on the embassy, which was blocked by thousands of riot police armed with helmets and plastic shields.

Several protesters were bleeding from their faces and several policemen were sprawled on the pavement or rushed to the hospital after being beaten and stomped on.

The protesters burned an effigy of President Bush and an American flag placed on a scaffold. A brief scuffle erupted between the protesters and the riot police, but no serious injuries or arrests were reported.

In separate military trials this month, Sgts. Fernando Nino and Mark Walker were acquitted of negligent homicide charges in the deaths of two 13-year-old girls. Their armored vehicle was on a training mission when it struck and killed the girls June 13. The soldiers are in the 2nd Infantry Division.

South Korean activists

called the trials a sham. Newspaper editorials also criticized the acquittals.

Bush later apologized for the girls' deaths.

Smaller rallies and marches also took place on Saturday in at least five provincial cities, according to the national news agency Yonhap.

At the U.S. Navy base in Chinhae on the south coast, demonstrators wrote slogans in their own blood calling for U.S. troops to withdraw from South Korea. They also tore open part of the U.S. military installation's wire fence before police repelled them.

Although most South Koreans tolerate or support the presence of U.S. forces on South Korean soil as a deterrent to North Korea, there is a widespread perception that the relationship favors the Americans.

Overboard

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Thirty-six sailors have fallen overboard on ballistic missile and attack subs since 1988. However, none of the submariners died.

"When they fall in, someone usually sees them," Scott said.

The man-overboard number may soon change again. Scott said that a new Department of Defense directive says that every incident in which a sailor is injured enough to miss one day of work will trigger a safety report.

"Yeah, the man-overboard number is going to go up," Scott said.

"But that doesn't mean that anything has really changed."

It's an 'Army of One' aboard Kitty Hawk

BY JOSEPH GIORDONO

Stars and Stripes

ABOARD THE USS KITTY HAWK — Sgt. Luis Vargas-Perez is truly an Army of One.

As the only Army soldier assigned to the USS Kitty Hawk, he is surrounded by up to 5,000 sailors in Navy blue. And to top it off, the most direct interaction he has with the crew is sticking needles in their arms.

Vargas-Perez, a veterinary technician, is part of a pilot program that assigns service-members to different branches with hopes of smoothing joint operations.

While the Kitty Hawk famously served as host to hundreds of special-operations forces from different services last fall, ship officials say this is the first time an Army soldier has officially become part of its company.

"It's definitely a different way of life than what I'm used to in the Army," Vargas-Perez said as the ship was conducting exercises off the Korean coast in mid-November.

"Living in a berthing, just living full time on a ship, it's pretty strange. It's a lot cleaner than being out in the field in the dirt, but there's definitely less room to move around."

Obviously, there are no live animals on board the Kitty Hawk. So Vargas-Perez's job focuses on a military veterinarian's other duties: Inspecting food and supplies brought onto the ship and helping out in the medical department.

He spent most of one afternoon giving Kitty Hawk crew members their annual flu shots. A long line of unhappy-looking sailors stretched into the passageway, many with sleeves already rolled up. Most were focused on the needle, and not the "U.S. Army" patch on Vargas-Perez's green fatigues.

The next day, Vargas-Perez was busy at a job he'd done many times, but never on the receiving end. As tons of supplies were loaded on to the Kitty Hawk from a resupply-ship, Vargas-Perez inspected the food.

"Basically, I inspect and survey anything in storage or that comes on board the

ship," he said. "If we can extend the shelf life, then we do it. If it's beyond its time, then I recommend disposition," he said, using the polite euphemism for getting rid of garbage at sea.

In his last posting, Vargas-Perez worked in Sanchez, Calif., inspecting all of the produce that was shipped to bases on Japan from Los Angeles and San Francisco. It was a good job, he said, and kept him close to his parents, who live in Riverside County.

"My parents weren't very enthusiastic when I got the job," he said. "They feel better if I'm on the shore, and it was nice being stationed close to them. They miss me now."

Vargas-Perez reported to the ship Oct. 24, and it left for its fall deployment shortly thereafter.

"I still get lost a little on the ship, but I'm getting better at it. It took a while to get used to the terminology and the Navy way of doing things," he said. "But the food is better and fresher."

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Track deployments

Soldiers now can track their total deployment days via their Army Knowledge Online accounts, officials announced recently.

The service is available through a link between AKO and the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command, according to an Army news release.

"Posting deployment data to AKO offers numerous advantages, makes best use of available technology ... and allows the Army greater flexibility to disclose ... data to soldiers in the field," Capt. Rob McClaslin, an action officer for the personnel command's field-systems division, said in the release.

The service follows a July meeting between PERSCOM and AKO officials. The information can be found in the AKO's "personnel community," under the "My Personnel" channel.

"This gives soldiers one less thing to be concerned about, so they can concentrate on the mission," Sgt. Maj. Freddie L. Davis Jr., CIO/G-6 visual information sergeant major, said in the release.

Contact your personnel section for more information.

From staff reports

Overdue CIA reports

WASHINGTON — Congress has threatened to reduce by one-third the funds used to run the office of Director of Central Intelligence George Tenet if the intelligence community fails to file dozens of overdue reports required by law within the next few months.

Calling the community's record "dismal," the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, which wrote the legislation included in the fiscal 2003 intelligence authorization bill signed last week by President Bush, reported 51 of 84 reports due by May 1, 2002, were not submitted. Eight were sent as incomplete interim reports and 18 others were provided after they were due, it said.

"In sum," the committee said in its report, "of the 84 reports required, seven were submitted by the deadline, for an overall record of 8 percent compliance."

The documents being sought cover a wide range of subjects including the priority requirements set by the president for U.S. intelligence and the activities of the U.S. intelligence community to satisfy them and an annual report on the protection of the identities of covert agents.

Kerry mulls run

WASHINGTON — Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., said Sunday he is taking a first step toward running for president in 2004, forming a committee to explore a White House bid.

An official announcement of his candidacy is "down the road," some months away, Kerry said. But, he said, "I've made a decision to file a committee, I'm going to begin this week to file a committee" to test the waters.

"When you really get into the formal stage, which I am now entering, you find out who's prepared to be there, who can raise the money," Kerry said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "It becomes real."

Exploratory committees are established by budding candidates mainly to raise money, finance travels around the country and help gauge voter support.

From wire services

Miranda warning to be closely scrutinized

BY LINDA DEUTSCH

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — For five years, Oliverio Martinez has been blind and paralyzed as the result of a police shooting. Now he is at the center of a U.S. Supreme Court case that could determine whether decades of restraints on police interrogations should be discarded.

The blanket requirement for a Miranda warning to all suspects that they have the right to remain silent could end up in the rubbish bin of legal history if the court concludes police were justified in aggressively questioning the gravely wounded Martinez while he screamed in agony.

"I am dying! ... What are you doing to me?" Martinez is heard screaming on a recording of the persistent interrogation by police Sgt. Ben Chavez in Oxnard, a city of 182,000 about 60 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

"If you are going to die, tell me what happened," the officer said. He continued the ques-

tioning in an ambulance and an emergency room while Martinez pleaded for treatment. At times, he left the room to allow medical personnel to work, but he returned and continued pressing for answers.

There was never a Miranda warning given.

A ruling that minimizes defendants' rights would be useful to the administration, which supports Oxnard's appeal, in its questioning of terrorism suspects, experts said.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed with a federal judge that the confession was coerced and cannot be used as evidence against Martinez in his excessive-force civil case against the city. It said Chavez should have known that questioning a man who had been shot five times, was crying out for treatment and had been given no Miranda warning was a violation of his constitutional rights.

Oxnard appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. Justice Department filed a friend-of-the-court brief along with police organizations and

the conservative Criminal Justice Legal Foundation.

They contend that unfettered police questioning is allowable so long as the information obtained from a suspect is not used against that person in court.

Opponents of the government position say a ruling diluting the Miranda protections would be another nail in the coffin of individual rights sacrificed in the interest of rooting out terrorists.

"This is a case to be concerned about," said Charles Weisselberg, a University of California, Berkeley, law professor. "To see the [U.S.] solicitor general arguing that there's no right to be free from coercive interrogation is pretty aggressive."

The Oxnard appeal argues that the Fifth Amendment protection against self-incrimination applies only at a criminal trial and the 14th Amendment guarantee of due process of law is violated only if the questioning of a suspect is so excessive that it "shocks the conscience" of the community.

Multiple DUIs lead to murder charge

BY JEFFREY COLLINS

The Associated Press

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — Jerry James Carruth was indicted in 1984 on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol, but he wasn't prosecuted because, a note written on the indictment says, he was "severely handicapped and paralyzed. He will not be able to drive a car again."

But the injuries didn't prevent Carruth from getting back behind the wheel. He continued driving and has been convicted of drunken driving a half-dozen times in the past 11 years.

Now a prosecutor has taken the unusual step of charging Carruth with murder in a fatal auto crash in an

effort to keep the 55-year-old off the streets for good.

On Monday, Carruth goes on trial for the April death of Tony Howard, a 42-year-old father of three whose pickup truck was hit head-on by Carruth's Buick.

If convicted of murder, Carruth faces 30 years to life in prison. He also is charged with felony DUI, which carries a maximum 25-year sentence.

"I just thought they [jurors] should have the option of saying this is not an ordinary felony DUI case," prosecutor Trey Gowdy said.

He said Carruth's "gross indifference to human life" prompted him to seek the murder indictment.

Court records show Car-

ruth, of Spartanburg, has been convicted of driving under the influence six times in the past 11 years in North and South Carolinas, although he has never faced felony charges until now. He appears to have spent no more than a week in jail and 60 days under house arrest.

In his mug shot for his latest arrest, Carruth is pictured in a wheelchair. However, the only restriction on his driver's license requires him to operate a car with an automatic transmission and mentions nothing about having to use hand controls.

Carruth has avoided harsh penalties because of his disability and the failure of authorities to check his records in other states.

911 calls report bus driver said he was taking passengers to Taliban

BY WAYNE PARRY

The Associated Press

MARLBORO, N.J. — Passengers on a Greyhound bus said the driver told them he was taking them "to the Taliban" after they criticized his meandering route Saturday night, prompting a massive police response.

The New York-bound bus hit heavy traffic soon after leaving Philadelphia, and the driver took several alternate routes to find less congested roads, said passenger Sally Weisbrot, 30.

"People were angry and making fun of the driver, yelling 'Do you know what you're doing up there? Do you know where you're going?' He clearly was annoyed," she said.

Weisbrot said the driver then shot back: "I'm taking you to the Taliban."

She said the driver was only joking because he was upset, but some people panicked and called 911 on their cell phones. Within minutes,

18 police cars surrounded the bus and pulled it over, she said.

Dara Salzman, a passenger from New York, said passengers were ordered to get off the bus with their hands in the air. Officers had their guns pointed at the bus, she said.

The bus driver was charged with creating a false public alarm, Marlboro Police Capt. Brian Hall said. He was expected to be released Saturday night on a summons.

"Needless to say, the comment that was made by the bus driver was inappropriate, especially in today's world," Hall said. "He said he didn't mean it; he was just frustrated."

Jamille Bradfield, a spokeswoman for Dallas-based Greyhound, said the company was cooperating with authorities.

The 30 passengers reboarded the bus and continued on to New York with a different driver.

Israel has questions on terror warnings

BY JAMIE TARABAY

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel's defense minister named al-Qaida as the number one suspect in the terror attacks in Kenya last week, and Israel's government sought to determine Sunday why it wasn't aware of warnings about a possible attack in the African nation.

The Australian and German governments each issued advisories against travel to Kenya in the days before Thursday's suicide car bomb attack on an Israeli-owned hotel near the port city of Mombasa. Sixteen people were killed.

At the same time, an Israeli charter plane leaving Mombasa with 271 people on board was almost hit by two shoulder-fired, surface-to-air missiles. The aircraft landed safely in Tel Aviv, Israel.

During an Israeli Cabinet meeting on Sunday, Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz said he suspected Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network was responsible for the attack, according to Ranaan Gissin, aide to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

"Formally, of course, we don't have the conclusive evidence to prove unequivocally that it is al-Qaida, but the fingerprints clearly indicate that al-Qaida is involved," Gissin said, referring to Mofaz's remarks.

Israel said it would also investigate why it was not aware of a possible attack in Kenya.

On the Australian Foreign Affairs and Trade Web site, Foreign Minister Alexander Downer said his government's cautionary advice to travelers was "based on intelligence information that warned of possible terrorist attacks against Western interests in Mombasa."

"Australia had no specific information about the timing, location or method of the possible attacks," Downer added.

The information was first posted two weeks before the attack.

The German Foreign Ministry updated its travel advisory on Kenya on Nov. 13 to point out "repeated indications, also recently, of possible attacks, for instance on facilities in the capital of Nairobi or on tourist centers in Mombasa." It advised Germans not to travel to Kenya unless they needed to.

Gissin said the Israelis never received any warnings.

"There was no specific alert. Of course part of the investigation that we're conducting into this is to find out why we did not receive that kind of alert," Gissin said.

Kenya was a popular destination for Israelis and a warning may have been issued if information had been available, said Zalman Shoval, another Sharon aide.

Since the September 11, 2001, attacks in the United States, Western countries have stepped up intelligence sharing. The United States and Israel in particular have long had close security ties.

Condor found dead under power line

LOS ANGELES — A California condor released in the wild two years ago was found dead Saturday under a power line with burn marks on its feathers, wildlife officials said.

The death of the 3-year-old female reduces the condor population to 199, of which only 73 live in the wild, said Kelly Sorenson, executive director of the Ventana Wilderness Society, a nonprofit group that rehabilitates and releases birds into the wild.

A power outage about 10 a.m. may have resulted from the bird's contact with the line, he said. The bird had a hole in its chest that may have come from the high voltage.

"The bird was seen feeding and was alive and well just this morning," Sorenson said.

Earlier this year, three condor chicks were found dead from unknown causes in the Los Padres National Forest. The chicks were the first condors to be laid and hatched in the wild since 1984 as part of a recovery program by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The condor that died Saturday was hatched in captivity and released in 2000.

Of 33 condors released to the wild by the Ventana Wilderness Society, three have died — all from collisions with power lines, Sorenson said. Seven of those have been returned to captivity, and another seven are scheduled to be released Dec. 12.

The Fish and Wildlife Service and the private, nonprofit Peregrine Fund also have condor breeding and release programs.

California condors nearly became extinct in the late 20th century as they lost habitat and suffered from human intrusions. Captive-breeding programs were begun in the 1980s to save the bird from extinction.

From The Associated Press

Spain fights 'black tide'

NEMINA, Spain — Oil washed ashore in specks, globs and sheets Sunday along Spain's northwest Atlantic coast, but the "black tide" dreaded by fishermen and residents of Galicia appeared to hold off another day.

Heavy winds and ocean currents that drove a large slick from the sunken tanker Prestige to within eyesight of land the day before, abruptly dispersed it into tarry tongues of fuel oil that still threaten to contaminate rich fishing grounds as well as ports, beaches and harbors.

From wire reports

At least 30 killed in stampede for free clothes in Bangladesh

BY PAVEL RAHMAN

The Associated Press

GAIBANDHA, Bangladesh — At least 30 women and children were killed and hundreds injured in a stampede when thousands of poor people scrambled for clothes being handed out as charity in a northern Bangladesh town Sunday, police said.

The stampede happened outside an abandoned jute mill in Gaibandha, where the distribution was planned. The crowd surged into the compound as guards opened its gates, causing the stampede.

"We have found the bodies of 26 women and four children. And that's the

confirmed death toll right now," said Faridul Islam, a police official at Gaibandha, a northern town 120 miles north of the capital, Dhaka.

The reports said at least 200 people were injured, many of them hospitalized.

The stampede occurred after more than 10,000 people, mostly women and children, gathered to get clothes distributed by a local businessman ahead of the Islamic Eid Al-Fitr festival next week.

Zobaida Khatun, 30, was in the crowd carrying her 1-year-old son. Khatun tossed her son into the hands of her mother, Sahera Begum, before she was buried under dozens of women and children who fell on her.

Hours later Begum found her daughter's body hidden under several other bodies.

"I saw my daughter falling on the ground and buried under the crowd," said Begum, 50, one of the survivors. "But I could do nothing to save her," she said wiping off the dust from her grandson's face.

Most of the charity seekers were women as Sunday was the day set for handing out saris, which women in Bangladesh wear.

The organizers said they had wanted the crowd to stand in a line. But the women, who had waited for hours, some of them from before dawn, began scrambling forward as the organizers handed out the first of the few clothes.

Evacuees tell of Ivory Coast chaos

BY CLAR NI CHONGHAILE

The Associated Press

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — Shaken but safe, foreign evacuees on Sunday hugged relatives and exchanged tales of chaos reigning in a rebel-held city in western Ivory Coast.

"It was unbearable," said Ashkar Louis Michel, a Lebanese man who fled his home of 38 years with just two pairs of pants and a few shirts.

After fighting gunbattles with shadowy new insurgents, French forces flew some 160 people from the key cocoa city of Man to the former French colony's commercial capital, Abidjan, on Saturday night.

The evacuees — most of them French and Lebanese — were taken to a sleek lagoonside hotel and were reuniting with relatives on Sunday.

Ivory Coast, the world's leading cocoa producer, has been divided three ways as a two-month rebel uprising evolves into a multifronted war.

The government holds the South, including Abidjan, a regional financial hub and strategic port. The rebels who

launched the Sept. 19 uprising control the North, and the new insurgents claim the West.

Evacuees said there were two groups of insurgents in Man — Liberians who appeared to have come from the nearby rebel-held city of Danane, and Ivorians who came from the North.

Some identified the Ivorians as members of the northern rebel Patriotic Movement of Ivory Coast, which has denied being present in the West. It was not immediately possible to verify the reports.

"The group from Liberia are unbearable," Michel said. "They enter the homes and steal. The others don't do that."

Others said the Ivorian rebels gunned down at least two Liberians who were caught looting.

Residents still trapped said Danane and Man were quiet Sunday.

The order to evacuate Man, about 300 miles northwest of Abidjan, came after French troops fought a daylong battle for control of the nearby airport. One French soldier was injured and 10 rebels were killed, French army spokesman Maj. Frederic Thomazo said Sunday.

Nightclub fire kills 47 in Venezuela

BY JORGE RUEDA

The Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — Flames quickly surrounded hundreds of revelers packed inside a tiny Caracas nightclub with no emergency exits, killing 47 people, injuring 12 and triggering a stampede to escape, fire officials and victims said Sunday.

Faulty wiring, a kitchen fire or even a carelessly discarded cigarette were all possible causes of the blaze at La Guajira discotheque, which erupted near the club's entrance near midnight Saturday, said Fire Chief Rodolfo Briceno.

Nearly all the dead succumbed to smoke.

As many as 400 people were inside the discotheque, housed in the basement of the Hotel Venezuela in a densely packed commercial district, when someone yelled "Fire!" victims said.

"The fire began at the entrance. At first we thought it was a joke, but it seems the fire extinguishers didn't work and the blaze grew fast," said Jenny Cisneros, 29, who had burns to her arms and legs.

"Everything went up in flames. There were so many people, everyone was trampled as they tried to get out.

Nobody could breathe," Cisneros told The Associated Press from her hospital bed.

Next to her at a clinic in western Caracas was her sister, also with leg burns. Cisneros said tearfully that a girlfriend of hers was among the 17 women who perished.

Firefighters using oxygen tanks rescued people trapped inside the club and extinguished the flames early Sunday. They also evacuated another 500 people from the hotel and surrounding buildings inundated by smoke.

The potentially lethal combination of overcrowding, no emergency exits, improvised electrical wiring, an uncensured kitchen and scant fire code inspections is all too common in this city of 4 million, Briceno said. Resources are too few to monitor hundreds of similar clubs, some legal, some not, officials say.

"It's no secret that these types of clubs often have faulty wiring and that their electrical circuits are overcharged," the fire chief said.

"The problem is that nightclubs must have enough exits, and it isn't always observed," Briceno said, adding that disco owners often ignore warnings from firefighters on capacity limits.

Enough to go around on first day of Skins Game

INDIO, Calif. — Tiger Woods won more skins. Phil Mickelson won more money. And when the first day of the Skins Game was finally over Saturday, everybody won something.

Mickelson made his debut in the event by hitting into the bushes three times, taking himself out of the hole twice, hitting one shot right-handed and walking off with \$100,000 because of one good swing.

Lefty hit 8-iron to 4 feet on the eighth hole, which was worth two skins.

"You can hit the ball all over the map," said Mickelson, who did just that on Landmark Golf Club. "Tiger played the best of all four of us. ... But I was able to get some skins because each hole gives us a fresh opportunity to win."

Woods, coming off a 14-stroke victory in the 36-hole Grand Slam of Golf, won three skins and \$75,000. He did most of his damage on the first six holes, which were worth \$25,000 each.

Mark O'Meara won only one hole, but it was worth three skins and \$75,000. After the first two holes were tied with pars, O'Meara hit a soft 5-iron into 2 feet for birdie on the 192-yard third hole.

Fred Couples made sure he wasn't shut out. Making his record-tying ninth Skins Game appearance, Couples hit 5-iron from a sidehill lie in the rough on No. 9 to about 4 feet for an eagle.

Sports in brief

It was only the third time in the 20-year history of the Conagra Foods Skins Game that all four players won something on the first day.

No challengers for Els in Nedbank Challenge

SUN CITY, South Africa — Ernie Els shot a course-record 9-under 63 Sunday for an eight-stroke victory over Colin Montgomerie in the \$4.06 million Nedbank Challenge.

Els, playing in his home country, had nine birdies and finished at 21-under 267 total on the 7,743-yard Gary Player Country Club to claim the \$2 million first prize, the richest in golf.

"That was possibly one of the great rounds of my career," said Els, who won Nedbank for the third time in four years.

Youzhny gives Russia first Davis Cup title

PARIS — Russia won its first ever Davis Cup title on Sunday by beating defending champion France 3-2 in

the final.

Mikhail Youzhny took the decisive point in the best-of-five tie when he came from behind to defeat Frenchman Paul-Henri Mathieu 3-6, 2-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4 in the last singles match.

Youzhny's win capped a stunning turnaround for Russia, which trailed 1-2 at the start of Sunday's play. Marat Safin beat Sebastien Grosjean 6-3, 6-2, 7-6 (11) in Sunday's first reverse singles.

Youzhny, who replaced Yevgeny Kafelnikov, entered with a 1-4 career Davis Cup singles record.

Power outage suspends top prep player's opener

AKRON, Ohio — LeBron James can shoot the lights out — but not with the lights out.

James, widely acknowledged as the best high school basketball player in the country, and his Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary teammates had their season opener cut short by a power outage Saturday night.

"It's very disappointing," coach Dru Joyce said when the game was suspended after a 45-minute wait.

James, a 6-foot-8 senior, already has two state titles, two Ohio Mr. Basketball awards and a Sports Illustrated cover.

From The Associated Press

Troops to 'Analyze' film

Robert De Niro will show his new comedy, "Analyze That," to 1,500 troops at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla., two days before the movie opens in state-side theaters.

Before the screening Wednesday, De Niro will join Gen. Tommy Franks, head of the U.S. Central Command, in meeting with troops involved in the war on terrorism.

"Analyze That" is the first in a series of screenings for military personnel planned through the Tribeca Film Institute, which De Niro co-founded with his business partner, Jane Rosenthal.

Warner Bros. also has offered prints of "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" for screenings Dec. 7 and 8 at MacDill.

De Niro reprises his role as mob boss Paul Vitti from the 1999 hit "Analyze This." Billy Crystal also is back as Paul's neurotic therapist, Ben Sobel.

Cox explains name drop

When Courteney Cox Arquette went back to being just Courteney Cox, people wondered whether something was wrong with her marriage to actor David Arquette.

But the "Friends" co-star says she started going by her maiden name in some situations out of respect for her father, Richard Cox, who died of cancer last year.

"When I was a kid, I wanted to change my name so badly because I didn't like it. Now that my dad's gone, I don't want to lose it," the 38-year-old actress tells InStyle magazine.

"It's not an issue for David. I am an Arquette, but I'm also a Cox. ... When we have children they will not be Cox-Arquettes, they will be Arquettes."

Cox met Arquette, 31, on the 1996 movie "Scream." They married in June 1999.

Faces 'n' places

New baby for O'Donnell

Rosie O'Donnell's girlfriend has given birth to a baby girl.

Kelli Carpenter, the comedian and former talk show host's longtime partner, gave birth to Vivienne Rose O'Donnell on Friday at an undisclosed New York hospital, O'Donnell spokeswoman Cindi Berger said Saturday.

"Mothers and baby are just great," Berger said.

The baby weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and is 19 inches long.

Carpenter and O'Donnell named the baby Vivienne after the main character in the book "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood," and Rose after O'Donnell's mother, Roseanne, Berger said.

O'Donnell has adopted three children — Parker, 7; Chelsea, 5; and Blake, 3. This is 35-year-old Carpenter's first child. Berger would not say whether O'Donnell was formally adopting Vivienne.

O'Donnell ended her syndicated talk show in May, and four months later left Rosie magazine, saying the publishers had stripped her of editorial control.

Fergie visits ill father

The Duchess of York visited her father Friday in the hospital where he was taken over the weekend after he collapsed.

Maj. Ronald Ferguson, 71, who has prostate cancer, is receiving treatment at Basingstoke General Hospital in Hampshire, west of London. Details of his condition were not released.

Ferguson, former polo manager for Prince Charles, was first diagnosed with cancer six years ago. He received successful treatment, but the disease returned last year.

The duchess, the former Sarah Fergu-

son, is divorced from Prince Andrew, second son of Queen Elizabeth II. They have two daughters.

Poverty fear for actor

Actor Michael Caine says even after 48 years in the entertainment business, with more than 130 films and television shows, poverty remains his greatest fear.

In a recent talk to members of the Screen Actors Guild in Los Angeles, Caine said a childhood horror of returning to his poor roots drove him to make some less-than-inspired career choices.

Among them, he said, were roles in "Jaws: The Revenge" and "On Deadly Ground."

"I never thought I was going to get another [movie], so I always took 'em," said Caine, 69. "If you come from a very poor family, everybody around you is poor. It's the old cliché: He's a young boy, he's got to buy his mother a house. I bought everybody a bloody house."

Mulroney talks mullets

Durmot Mulroney is not a mullethead, but he plays one in "About Schmidt."

In the dark comedy, written and directed by Alexander Payne, Mulroney co-stars as Randall Hertz, a waterbed salesman who's balding but wears the hair he has left in a long, stringy mullet, which he usually pulls back in a ponytail.

"I've still got a full head of it somehow," the 39-year-old actor tells W magazine. He takes off his baseball cap and yanks on his brown hair to prove it's real.

"I just gave it up to the mullet," Mulroney says. "Every day I had to shave my pate, then attach a balding wig and then the extensions."

"About Schmidt" also stars Jack Nicholson and Kathy Bates.

From The Associated Press

Knicks 92, Hornets 86 (OT)

NEW YORK — Allan Houston recovered from a scoreless second half to hit a clinching jumper with 13 seconds left, and the New York Knicks beat the New Orleans Hornets 92-86 Saturday in the third overtime game of the season between the teams.

Houston scored 16 points in the first half, none in the second half and four in the extra period for New York, which lost the other two overtime games against the Hornets.

Othella Harrington had season highs of 17 points and 14 rebounds, and Latrell Sprewell scored 19 for the Knicks, who won despite blowing a 12-point lead in the final five minutes of regulation.

Jamal Mashburn had 20 points, nine assists and seven rebounds for the Hornets, who are undefeated at home but dropped to 2-5 on the road.

76ers 95, Wizards 94

WASHINGTON — Michael Jordan made his first start of the season but couldn't come up with one last clutch play.

Jordan had an offensive rebound, an assist and a blocked shot in the final minute, but his pass to Bryon Russell with 5 seconds left was stolen, depriving the Wizards of a chance at a game-winning shot.

The victory was the Sixers' seventh in a row, while the Wizards have lost six straight. Allen Iverson scored 35 points, including 10 in the fourth quarter, and Eric Snow added 16.

Magic 117, Hawks 92

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tracy McGrady scored all 28 of his points in the first three quarters and Mike Miller added 22 as the Magic won their third in a row.

Atlanta, which trailed by 19 at halftime and 33 and the end of the third quarter, was led by reserve Dion Glover with 18 points.

Leading scorer Glenn Robinson shot only 6-for-20 and scored 13 points.

The Magic closed the second quarter with a 21-5 run for a 69-50 lead. The onslaught continued in the third quarter as the Magic hit their first eight field goal attempts to push the advantage to 31 points.

NBA**Heat 85, Cavaliers 79**

MIAMI — Rookie Caron Butler scored six of his team-high 16 points in the final two minutes as the Miami Heat held on to hand the Cleveland Cavaliers their 14th consecutive loss.

After the Cavaliers cut a 10-point deficit to 79-74 on two free throws by Milt Palacio and a three-pointer by Dajuan Wagner, Butler secured Miami's victory with a baseline jumper with 1:08 remaining and a slam dunk off a missed three-pointer by LaPhonso Ellis with 45 seconds left.

Ellis scored 11 of his 13 points in the second half, and Brian Grant had 14 points and 10 rebounds.

Wagner led the Cavaliers, who were without the suspended Ricky Davis, with 28 points.

Spurs 107, Jazz 85

SAN ANTONIO — Stephen Jackson scored 17 points and the San Antonio Spurs held Karl Malone to 1-for-16 shooting, snapping Utah's six-game winning streak.

The loss was Utah's 10th straight to the Spurs. San Antonio broke open what had been a back-and-forth game by making 10 of 15 shots in the third period, with Steve Smith scoring 11 points on 4-for-5 shooting.

Smith finished with 15 points as the Spurs put seven players in double figures. Tim Duncan contributed 14, while Tony Parker and Malik Rose each had 13. Steve Kerr added 11 points on 4-for-4 shooting and Kevin Willis had 10.

John Stockton paced the Jazz with 13 points.

Mavericks 103, Bulls 90

DALLAS — Nick Van Exel returned from a nine-game injury absence with 17 points and seven assists.

Playing for the first time since their 14-0 start was stopped in Indiana, Dallas never trailed.

The Mavericks went on an 11-0 run at the end of the third quarter and start of the fourth after Chicago got within five, improving to 8-0 at home and giving Don Nelson his 200th victory as their coach.

Steve Nash added 18 points and seven assists. Dirk

Nowitzki had 14 points and 11 rebounds and Michael Finley had 13 points, five rebounds and five assists.

Bucks 109, Pistons 86

MILWAUKEE — Sam Cassell scored 24 points and Tim Thomas added 21 as the Bucks beat Detroit in the second game of a back-to-back set between the teams.

The victory evened Milwaukee's record at 8-8 and avenged a 96-91 loss Friday at Detroit.

Michael Redd added 20 points for the Bucks, while Richard Hamilton led Detroit with 15 points and Cliff Robinson added 14.

Thomas scored 10 points in the third quarter to help the Bucks increase a 10-point halftime lead to 87-68 by the end of the period. Milwaukee led by as many as 28 points in the final quarter.

Nets 93, Trail Blazers 86

PORTLAND, Ore. — Jason Kidd scored 28 points and added eight assists as the New Jersey Nets withstood a fourth-quarter rally.

The defending Eastern Conference champion Nets had dropped their six previous games in Portland, last winning 99-98 back on Jan. 30, 1995.

The troubled Trail Blazers trailed by as many as 25 points in the third quarter after leading by 13 in the first half. They came back to tie it in the fourth quarter, but couldn't take back the lead.

Warriors 100, Suns 90

OAKLAND, Calif. — Antawn Jamison matched his season-high with 37 points as the Golden State Warriors won consecutive games for the first time this season.

Gilbert Arenas had 16 points, nine assists, seven rebounds and four steals as the Warriors overcame 25 turnovers, a late rally by the Suns and another big game by Stephon Marbury to snap their five-game losing streak against Phoenix.

Phoenix trimmed a 17-point deficit to six on Casey Jacobsen's three-pointer with 1:26 left, but Golden State held off the Suns with the type of late-game poise they've rarely shown during eight consecutive seasons out of the playoffs.

From The Associated Press

Canucks 5, Panthers 2

SUNRISE, Fla. — Matt Cooke scored a short-handed goal, and the Vancouver Canucks added three power-play tallies to beat the Florida Panthers 5-2 Saturday night and stretch their franchise-record winning streak to 10 games.

Markus Naslund, Todd Bertuzzi and Sami Salo each scored power-play goals for the Canucks, who led 3-1 after the first period. Brendan Morrison also scored, and Dan Cloutier (14-5-3) made 29 saves to earn his first career victory against Florida (1-3-1).

Vancouver hasn't lost since Nov. 6 at Dallas.

Jaroslav Bednar and Marcus Nilson scored power-play goals for the Panthers, who lost for the first time in five games (1-1-3-0).

Jani Hurne was pulled after he allowed the three first-period goals on just 10 shots.

Maple Leafs 3, Sabres 1

TORONTO — Alexander Mogilny had a goal and two assists as the Maple Leafs beat Buffalo.

Mats Sundin and Robert Svehla also scored for the Maple Leafs, who have won of seven of nine to reach .500 (11-11-2).

Curtis Brown scored for the Sabres, who have just one victory in the past 17 games (1-12-3-1).

Toronto goalie Ed Belfour turned aside 19 shots and has allowed just 14 goals in his past nine games.

Hurricanes 4, Blue Jackets 2

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Erik Cole scored two second-period goals and Carolina held on to beat Columbus.

The defending Eastern Conference champion Hurricanes moved into first place in the Southeast Division. Columbus has lost four of five.

Jesse Boulerice and Ron Francis added Hurricanes goals.

NHL

Matt Davidson and David Vyborny third-period goals for Columbus.

Senators 4, Islanders 2

OTTAWA — Marian Hossa had two goals and an assist to extend his club-record point streak to 13 games and lead Ottawa over New York.

Todd White scored early in the third period as Ottawa extended its unbeaten streak to 10 games. Martin Havlat scored into an empty net with 34 seconds remaining.

Roman Hamrlik and Adrian Aucoin also scored for the Islanders, who last beat Ottawa on April 6, 2000. It's the only time in 29 games that they've managed a victory over the Senators, a streak of 1-21-7 dating to Jan. 6, 1996.

Radek Bonk had three assists and Peter Schaefer added two for the Senators.

Bruins 3, Penguins 2

PITTSBURGH — Joe Thornton scored twice and linemate Sergei Samsonov, returning to the Boston lineup after missing 18 games, added a third-period goal as the Bruins beat Pittsburgh.

Jan Hrdina brought the Penguins within 3-2 when he deflected Alexei Kovalev's shot in. But John Grahame, who stopped 24 shots, held off the Penguins the rest of the way to push his career record against them to 5-0-1.

Andrew Ference added a power-play goal for Pittsburgh.

Flyers 2, Canadiens 1 (OT)

MONTREAL — Justin Williams scored on a breakaway with 6.3 seconds remaining in overtime to lift Philadelphia over the Canadiens.

Williams stripped the puck from defenseman Patrice Brisebois at the Philadelphia blue line and moved in on goal-

ie Jeff Hackett, who had stopped 37 of 38 shots to that point.

It was just the second victory in 11 games for Philadelphia (2-5-4).

Michal Handzus also scored for the Flyers, who ended a three-game losing streak and had been winless in four. Philadelphia was shut out in two of its past three games. Randy McKay scored his third goal of the season for Montreal, which has lost three straight and four of five.

Predators 5, Stars 2

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Andy Delmore and Scott Hartnell each had a power-play goal and an assist to lead the Predators past Dallas.

Scott Walker, Vladimir Orszagh, and Vernon Fiddler also had Predators goals.

Bill Guerin and Scott Young scored for Dallas, which replaced goalie Ron Tugnutt after he allowed four goals on just 15 shots.

Devils 5, Blues 4 (OT)

ST. LOUIS — Jeff Friesen scored with 12 seconds left in overtime to lift New Jersey over the Blues.

New Jersey is unbeaten in three games.

Brian Gionta and Scott Niedermayer scored in the third period to give the Devils a 3-2 lead. St. Louis tied it 89 seconds later on Pavol Demitra's goal. Scott Gomez and Turner Stevenson added New Jersey goals.

Petr Cajanek, Dallas Drake and Cory Stillman also scored for St. Louis.

There were only two penalties called in the game, both second-period minors against St. Louis.

Oilers 1, Avalanche 0

EDMONTON, Alberta — Tommy Salo

made 22 saves, and Daniel Cleary scored his first goal of the season as Edmonton extended its unbeaten streak to six games.

Salo earned his second shutout of the season and the 32nd of his career for the Oilers, on a 5-0-1 run.

Edmonton, 7-1-1 in its past nine, has won a season-high three straight.

The Avalanche were trying to extend their unbeaten streak to seven games. Colorado is 2-1-4 in its past seven and has lost just twice (4-2-4) in 10 games.

Cleary scored the lone goal 21 seconds into the second period.

Coyotes 3, Sharks 2

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Branko Radivojevic scored the tiebreaking goal midway through the third period and Phoenix snapped its six-game winless streak.

It was the Coyotes' first victory since Nov. 15 when they beat Atlanta. They are 1-2-4 since.

The Sharks played their first home game in 14 days after an eight-game road trip.

Deron Quint and Tony Amonte also scored for Phoenix.

Scott Thornton and Vincent Dampousse had the San Jose goals.

Kings 4, Blackhawks 1

LOS ANGELES — Derek Armstrong and Eric Belanger scored 27 seconds apart at the end of a four-goal rally in the second period, and Mathieu Schneider had two assists as Los Angeles beat Chicago.

Erik Rasmussen and rookie Michael Cammalleri also scored for the Kings. Felix Potvin faced only 13 shots, including Kyle Calder's power-play goal.

Each team went more than 11½ minutes without a shot, before the Kings outscored Chicago 4-1 during a 8:14 span of the second period and drove Jocelyn Thibault to the Blackhawks bench after 23 shots.

From The Associated Press

No. 1 Miami 49, Syracuse 7

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Willis McGahee ran for 134 yards and Ken Dorsey threw for 345 yards as No. 1 Miami defeated Syracuse 49-7 Saturday, leaving one obstacle left in the Hurricanes' path to the national title game.

Miami (11-0, 6-0 Big East) won its 33rd straight game, extending the longest current streak in Division I-A.

Barring an upset by Virginia Tech in Miami next week, the Canes will finish No. 1 in the Bowl Championship Series standings, setting up a showdown against No. 2 Ohio State (13-0) for the national title in Tempe, Arizona, on Jan. 3.

With No. 3 Oklahoma losing to Oklahoma State, No. 5 Georgia put itself in position to climb into the picture if Miami loses. No. 4 Iowa's season is finished, while Georgia has one more game — the SEC title game next weekend.

Miami's quick-strike offense gave the Hurricanes a 21-0 lead early in the second quarter. On the second play from scrimmage, McGahee ran 61 yards down the right side for the touchdown. That gave him 20 rushing touchdowns, 1,737 all-purpose yards and 120 points this season, all school records.

His 5-yard run late in the first quarter also gave him a team-record 1,419 yards rushing, eclipsing the season mark of 1,416 set by Edgerrin James in 1998. McGahee, who did not play in the fourth quarter, finished with 134 yards on 14 carries to move his season total to 1,481.

Walter Reyes ran for 110 yards and gave the Orange-men (4-8, 2-5) their only score on a 1-yard touchdown in the second quarter.

Dorsey completed his first 10 passes and was 12-for-15 for 229 yards in the first half.

Oklahoma St. 38, No. 3 Oklahoma 28

STILLWATER, Okla. — Rashaun Woods had 12 catches for a school-record 226 yards, including three first-half touchdowns to lead the Cowboys to the upset.

A year ago, Woods caught a touchdown pass in the final two minutes to give the Cowboys a 16-13 victory that cost Oklahoma the Big 12 South title.

The Sooners (10-2, 6-2) already had the South Division wrapped up this year, but with two losses, they're out of the race for the national championship.

In beating the Sooners for the fifth time in eight years, Oklahoma State (7-5, 5-3) enhanced its chances of going to a bowl for the first time since 1997. The Cowboys kept Oklahoma from ever holding the lead, something no team had done against Bob Stoops in his first 49 games as Oklahoma's coach.

No. 5 Georgia 51, Georgia Tech 7

ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia built a 34-0 halftime lead and cruised to a 51-7 rout of Georgia Tech — the most points the Bulldogs have ever scored against their state rival.

No. 3 Texas 78, Seton Hall 61

HOUSTON — Deginald Erskin scored 22 of his career-high 24 points in the second half and T.J. Ford added 19 to lead No. 3 Texas to a 78-61 victory over Seton Hall on Saturday.

The Longhorns (4-0) and Pirates (1-1) played the second game of a doubleheader in Reliant Stadium, home of the NFL's Houston Texans, which was converted to a basketball arena for the Space City Classic.

Texas A&M beat Louisiana State 79-77 earlier Saturday.

J.R. Morris led Seton Hall with 12 points and Andre Barrett added 11.

No. 5 Pittsburgh 89, Ark.-Pine Bluff 49

PITTSBURGH — Toree Morris scored seven consecutive points early in an 18-point Pittsburgh run that broke open an unexpectedly tight game against Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

Pitt (3-0) withstood another poor shooting night by star Brandin Knight, pulling away to outscore the Lions 47-11 over the final 15 minutes.

The Lions (0-4), picked to finish last in the SWAC, led much of the first half while shooting 8-for-13 from three-point range.

Knight, a third-team All-American, was 4-for-12 during an 11-point night. Chevy Troutman came off the bench to lead the Panthers with 15 points, and Julius Page scored 14.

Billy Hall scored 15 points but Arkansas-Pine Bluff, one of the nation's worst Division I teams, has lost 11 in a row and 30 of 32 since last season.

College football

Playing in Athens, Georgia, the Bulldogs (11-1) ensured their first 11-win season since 1982, which also was the last time the school won a SEC title. The Bulldogs will get a chance to end that drought next Saturday in the conference championship game against Arkansas in Atlanta.

Georgia Tech (7-5) endured its worst defeat since a 49-3 rout by Florida State in 1996. The Yellow Jackets are eligible for their sixth straight bowl appearance, but they'll probably have to settle for a return trip to Seattle Bowl.

No. 6 USC 44, No. 7 Notre Dame 13

LOS ANGELES — Carson Palmer threw for 425 yards — the most ever against Notre Dame — and four touchdowns, and Southern California's defense held the Irish to just 109 yards.

USC rolled up 610 total yards — the most ever by any team against the Irish.

Freshman Mike Williams caught 10 passes for 169 yards and two touchdowns as USC (10-2, 7-1 Pac-10) snapped a three-game winning streak by Notre Dame (10-2) in the intersectional rivalry that began in 1926.

Palmer completed 32 of 46 passes, with two interceptions. Fullback Malaefou MacKenzie had two TD receptions, and Justin Fargas ran for 120 yards on 20 carries and had four catches for 41 yards as the resurgent Trojans won their seventh in a row.

No. 14 Alabama 21, Hawaii 16

HONOLULU — Shaud Williams ran for 160 and a touchdown as Alabama extended its NCAA record for 10-victory seasons to 27.

Alabama (10-3) grounded the nation's top passing team in Hawaii (9-3), forcing quarterback Timmy Chang into four interceptions.

Hawaii made it close in the final quarter, scoring twice to make it a five-point game, but a final attempt at an onside kick with 1:55 left drifted out of bounds.

No. 23 Florida St. 31, No. 15 Florida 14

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Chris Rix threw two touchdown passes to Anquan Boldin and ran for 83 yards as the Seminoles beat their top rival for the fourth time in five years.

Freshman tailback Leon Washington ran for 134 yards as Florida State (9-4) had a positive finish to a week of turmoil.

Rix won the starting job by default when Adrian McPherson was kicked off the team last week after a police investigation led to his arrest on a charge of felony grand theft.

Now the Seminoles won the ACC and will play in a major bowl game — probably the Sugar.

College basketball

No. 6 Duke 84, No. 14 UCLA 73

INDIANAPOLIS — Freshman J.J. Redick scored 20 points, leading Duke past UCLA at the Wooden Tradition in a game pitting two programs with a total of 14 national titles.

John Wooden, who coached UCLA to 10 of its 11 NCAA championships, presented Duke with a trophy for winning the game.

It might have upset him to see the Bruins drop to 0-2 for the first time since 1961, when Wooden was in charge.

Nick Horvath added 16 points to help Duke improve to 7-1 against the Bruins under coach Mike Krzyzewski. The Blue Devils (3-0) used a 22-6 burst in the second half to open a 21-point lead.

Jason Kapono scored 19 points for the Bruins.

No. 8 Oklahoma 75, Prairie View 63

NORMAN, Okla. — Hollis Price scored 13 of Oklahoma's final 18 points, leading the Sooners to a tougher-than-expected victory over Prairie View A&M.

The Sooners (3-1) only led 38-31 at halftime, then saw Prairie View (1-1) score the first nine points of the second half to take the lead.

Price and Ebi Ere scored 16 points apiece for Oklahoma.

Malachi Thurston scored 16 points for Prairie View, which shot 53 percent from the field.

Oklahoma State 64, No. 9 Michigan State 61

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Victor Williams hit six free

The Gators (8-4) haven't won in Tallahassee since 1986.

UNLV 36, No. 16 Colorado St. 33

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Larry Croom ran for 222 yards and a touchdown, and DeJhown Mandley caught a 29-yard touchdown pass with 46 seconds left for Nevada-Las Vegas.

The Rebels (5-7, 3-4 Mountain West) had 390 yards rushing to beat Colorado State for the first time since 1982.

Colorado State (10-3, 6-1), which wrapped up the conference title last week, had won six straight. The Rams can still tie the school record for victories in a season at the Liberty Bowl on Dec. 31.

No. 24 West Virginia 24, No. 17 Pitt 17

PITTSBURGH — West Virginia turned two Rod Ruth-erford turnovers into touchdowns, and the victory might help the Mountaineers get to the Gator Bowl.

Led by Rasheed Marshall's playmaking and Avon Cobourne's running, the Mountaineers (9-3, 6-1 in Big East) completed a remarkable turnaround from a 3-8 season, secured at least second place in the Big East and beat their Backyard Brawl rival for the first time in three years.

The Mountaineers probably will play North Carolina State on Jan. 1.

Pitt (8-4, 5-2), denied its first nine-win season in 20 years, now appears headed for the Continental Tire Bowl in Charlotte, North Carolina.

No. 22 Virginia Tech 21, Virginia 9

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Lee Suggs ran for two touchdowns, and Virginia Tech found its defense, shutting down Matt Schaub and beating rival Virginia for the fourth consecutive year.

The Hokies (9-3) ended a three-game losing streak — their longest in a decade — by holding the Cavaliers to 203 yards and getting a touchdown from their special teams to go with Suggs' 51st and 52nd career TDs.

No. 25 Maryland 32, Wake Forest 14

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Scott McBrien threw for 257 yards and two touchdowns in the first half alone, helping the Terrapins take a 27-point lead and earn a Peach Bowl berth.

The victory gave Maryland a second straight 10-win season for the first time in school history and earned the Terrapins (10-3, 6-2 ACC) a trip to Atlanta for the Dec. 31 postseason game.

Wake Forest (6-6, 3-5), which probably needed a victory to earn a bowl berth, instead endured its fourth consecutive loss to the Terrapins.

From The Associated Press

throws in the final two minutes and Oklahoma State upset Michigan State for third place in the Great Alaska Shootout.

The Cowboys' Tony Allen blocked a shot by Alan Anderson with 10 seconds remaining and Oklahoma State leading 62-61. After two free throws by Williams, Rashl Johnson missed a three-pointer at the buzzer that would have tied it for the Spartans (2-2), who lost for the second consecutive night.

Melvin Sanders led Oklahoma State (3-1) with 18 points. Ivan McFarlin scored 15 points and pulled down seven rebounds before fouling out with 6:21 remaining. Williams added 14 points. Aloysius Anagnone had 21 points and eight rebounds for Michigan State, which lost to Villanova on Friday night.

No. 10 Oregon 88, Pacific 69

EUGENE, Ore. — Luke Ridnour had 24 points and seven assists as Oregon beat Pacific.

Andre Joseph and James Davis added 14 points each, and reserve freshman center Ian Crosswhite scored 12 for the Ducks, who cruised to victory despite getting only eight points from star forward Luke Jackson.

Jackson, who was 2-for-13 from the field, did have a career-high 12 rebounds.

Oregon (3-0) won its 19th straight game at McArthur Court and is closing in on the school record of 23, set from 1937-39.

Myree Bowden led Pacific (1-2) with 20 points.

No. 11 Maryland 89, Duquesne 39

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Drew Nicholas scored 19 points and Ryan Randle added a career-high 16 as Maryland extended its nonconference home winning streak to 87 games with a rout of Duquesne.

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Scores/standings

Men's football Top 25 Fared

How the top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college football poll fared this week:

No. 1 Miami (11-0) beat Syracuse 49-7. Next: vs. No. 22 Virginia Tech, Saturday.

No. 2 Ohio State (13-0) did not play. Next: TBA.

No. 3 Oklahoma (10-2) lost to Oklahoma State 38-28. Next: vs. No. 13 Colorado, Big 12 championship, Saturday.

No. 4 Iowa (11-1) did not play. Next: TBA.

No. 5 Georgia (11-1) beat Georgia Tech 51-7. Next: vs. Arkansas, SEC championship, Saturday.

No. 6 Southern California (10-2) beat No. 7 Notre Dame 44-13. Next: TBA.

No. 7 Notre Dame (10-2) lost to No. 6 Southern California 44-13. Next: TBA.

No. 8 Kansas State (10-2) did not play. Next: TBA.

No. 9 Washington State (9-2) did not play. Next: at UCLA, Saturday.

No. 10 Texas (10-2) beat Texas A&M 50-20, Friday. Next: vs. TBA.

No. 11 Penn State (9-3) did not play. Next: TBA.

No. 12 Michigan (9-3) did not play. Next: TBA.

No. 13 Colorado (9-3) beat Nebraska 28-13, Friday. Next: vs. No. 3 Oklahoma, Big 12 championship, Saturday.

No. 14 Alabama (10-3) beat Hawaii 21-16. Next: Season complete.

No. 15 Florida (8-4) lost to No. 23 Florida State 31-14. Next: TBA.

No. 16 Colorado State (10-3) lost to UNLV 36-33. Next: vs. TBA, Liberty Bowl, Dec. 31.

No. 17 Pittsburgh (8-4) lost No. 24 West Virginia 24-17. Next: TBA.

No. 18 LSU (8-4) lost to Arkansas 21-20, Friday. Next: TBA.

No. 19 Boise State (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. TBA, Humanitarian Bowl, Dec. 31.

No. 20 Auburn (8-4) did not play. Next: TBA.

No. 21 North Carolina State (10-3) did not play. Next: vs. TBA, Gator Bowl, Jan. 1.

No. 22 Virginia Tech (9-3) beat Virginia 21-9. Next: at No. 1 Miami, Saturday.

No. 23 Florida State (9-4) beat No. 15 Florida 31-14. Next: TBA.

No. 24 West Virginia (9-3) beat No. 17 Pittsburgh 24-17. Next: TBA.

No. 25 Maryland (10-3) beat Wake Forest 32-14. Next: TBA.

Men's basketball Top 25 Fared

Saturday

1. Arizona (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. Saint Louis, Tuesday.

2. Kansas (2-2) did not play. Next: vs. Central Missouri State, Wednesday.

3. Texas (4-0) beat Seton Hall 78-61. Next: vs. George Washington, Saturday.

4. Alabama (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. North Carolina-Greensboro, Tuesday.

5. Pittsburgh (3-0) beat Arkansas-Pine Bluff 89-49. Next: vs. Norfolk State, Tuesday.

6. Duke (3-0) beat No. 14 UCLA 84-73. Next: vs. Ohio State, Tuesday.

7. Florida (4-1) did not play. Next: at Florida State, Friday.

8. Oklahoma (3-1) beat Prairie View 75-63. Next: vs. Hartford, Saturday.

9. Michigan State (2-2) lost to Oklahoma St. 64-61. Next: vs. Virginia, Wednesday.

10. Oregon (3-0) beat Pacific 88-69. Next: vs. Portland, Wednesday.

11. Maryland (3-0) beat Duquesne 89-39. Next: vs. No. 19 Indiana, Tuesday.

12. Connecticut (2-0) did not play. Next: at Vanderbilt, Sunday.

13. Marquette (4-0) did not play. Next: at Notre Dame, Monday.

14. UCLA (0-2) lost to No. 6 Duke 84-73. Next: vs. Long Beach State, Sunday, Dec. 8.

15. Kentucky (2-1) did not play. Next: vs. High Point, Tuesday.

16. Xavier (2-1) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Tuesday, Dec. 3.

17. Georgia (1-3) lost to No. 24 Minnesota 72-69. Next: at Colorado, Tuesday.

18. Missouri (2-0) beat Austin Peay 81-46. Next: vs. Sacramento State, Monday.

19. Indiana (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. North Texas, Sunday.

20. Gonzaga (2-2) did not play. Next: vs. Washington, Monday.

21. Cincinnati (2-1) lost to Dayton 75-69. Next: vs. Valparaiso, Monday.

22. Tulsa (3-0) beat Arkansas 61-60. Next: vs. Wichita State, Wednesday.

23. Mississippi State (2-1) beat Jacksonville 100-65. Next: vs. Alabama A&M, Monday.

24. Minnesota (2-0) beat No. 17 Georgia 72-69. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Wednesday.

25. Wisconsin (4-0) beat Wisconsin-Green Bay 69-52. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Wednesday.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	14	4	.778	—
Boston	10	5	.667	2½
New Jersey	11	6	.647	2½
Orlando	10	7	.588	3½
Washington	6	10	.375	7
New York	4	10	.286	8
Miami	4	12	.250	9

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	13	2	.867	—
Detroit	12	5	.706	2
New Orleans	11	5	.688	2½
Milwaukee	8	8	.500	5½
Atlanta	8	9	.471	6
Toronto	5	10	.333	8
Chicago	4	12	.250	9½
Cleveland	2	16	.111	12½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	15	1	.938	—
San Antonio	11	7	.611	5
Houston	9	6	.600	5½
Minnesota	9	8	.529	6½
Utah	9	8	.529	6½
Denver	5	11	.313	10
Memphis	2	14	.125	13

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	13	5	.722	—
Phoenix	8	7	.533	3½
Seattle	9	8	.529	3½
Portland	7	8	.467	4½
Golden State	6	11	.353	6½
L.A. Clippers	6	11	.353	6½
L.A. Lakers	6	11	.353	6½

Saturday's games

New York 92, New Orleans 86, OT
Orlando 117, Atlanta 92
Philadelphia 95, Washington 94
Miami 85, Cleveland 79
Dallas 103, Chicago 90
San Antonio 107, Utah 85
Milwaukee 109, Detroit 86
New Jersey 93, Portland 86
Golden State 100, Phoenix 90

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	13	6	1	1	28	57	47
Philadelphia	11	6	0	0	28	58	53
Pittsburgh	11	6	3	3	28	75	64
N.Y. Rangers	10	12	4	0	24	67	83
N.Y. Islanders	8	13	3	0	19	62	81

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	16	3	3	1	36	82	49
Ottawa	13	6	3	0	29	67	52
Montreal	10	9	4	1	25	64	75
Toronto	11	11	2	0	24	72	64
Buffalo	4	14	4	1	13	48	67

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	11	7	4	3	29	64	61
Tampa Bay	12	7	3	1	28	74	62
Florida	7	8	6	4	24	63	79
Washington	10	12	2	0	22	59	70
Atlanta	6	14	1	1	14	60	84

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	13	7	2	1	29	80	62
Detroit	12	7	3	1	28	70	57
Chicago	10	10	3	0	23	53	54
Columbus	9	11	2	2	22	70	73
Nashville	4	11	4	4	16	49	67

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	15	5	4	0	34	76	58
Minnesota	13	7	5	0	31	67	55
Edmonton	11	8	4	1	27	63	61
Colorado	8	6	8	3	27	65	62
Calgary	6	12	3	3	18	50	74

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	15	6	5	1	36	86	56
Los Angeles	10	7	4	3	27	66	64
Anaheim	8	7	6	3	25	58	63
Phoenix	8	12	4	1	21	60	78
San Jose	8	12	2	2	20	67	77

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Saturday's games

Toronto 3, Buffalo 1
Ottawa 4, N.Y. Islanders 2
Philadelphia 2, Montreal 1, OT
Carolina 4, Columbus 2
Boston 3, Pittsburgh 2
Vancouver 5, Florida 2
New Jersey 5, St. Louis 4, OT
Nashville 5, Dallas 2
Edmonton 1, Colorado 0
Phoenix 3, San Jose 2
Los Angeles 4, Chicago 1

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The defending NCAA champions never trailed against the error-prone Ducks (1-3), who had more turnovers (20) than points (19) in the first half.

Nicholas scored all 19 of his points before halftime, helping Maryland (3-0) build a 31-point lead. Several of his baskets came off passes from Steve Blake, who had 10 of his 13 assists in the first half.

Maryland's nonconference winning streak at home, which began in 1989 and includes two victories over Duquesne, is the longest such run in the nation.

The Terrapins, who allowed 49 points in each of their first two games, last held three straight opponents under 50 points in February 1954.

No. 24 Minnesota 72, No. 17 Georgia 69

MINNEAPOLIS — Michael Bauer's three-pointer rolled in at the buzzer to give Minnesota a victory over Georgia.

Bauer, who missed two practices this week with a shoulder injury, scored 10 points for the Golden Gophers (2-0).

He launched his final shot from the top of the key and watched it bounce around the rim before falling in. Then, eyes wide open, he turned and raced toward the student section of the stands to celebrate.

Jarvis Hayes, who had 17 of his 21 points in the second half, helped Georgia (1-3) rally from a six-point deficit with 1:40 left.

He swished a three-pointer to tie it at 69 with 14.7 seconds to go.

No. 18 Missouri 81, Austin Peay 46

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Rickey Paulding had 14 points and nine rebounds and guard Jimmy McKinney returned from an injury as Missouri routed Austin Peay.

Arthur Johnson had 16 points and three steals, and Ricky Clemons added nine points and eight assists for the Tigers (2-0).

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McKinney, the team's top recruit, returned wearing a protective mask after missing nearly a month with a broken bone above his right eye. He had eight points in 14 minutes.

Corey Gipson scored 15 points for Austin Peay (2-1).

Dayton 75, No. 21 Cincinnati 69

DAYTON, Ohio — Keith Waleskowski scored 18 points to lead Dayton to an upset of Cincinnati.

The 6-foot-9 forward combined strong shooting underneath with a soft touch from the outside. The victory snapped Cincinnati's 11-game winning streak over the Flyers (3-0).

Bearcats coach Bob Huggins, who suffered a massive heart attack nine weeks ago, kept his cool during the game. However, Huggins occasionally jawed with the referees or stomped his foot in frustration at his team's play.

Cincinnati (2-1) got 15 points from Field Williams.

No. 22 Tulsa 61, Arkansas 60

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Kevin Johnson made a free throw to give Tulsa a six-point lead with 2:24 left, and the Golden Hurricane went scoreless the rest of the way but hung on to beat Arkansas.

Freshman point guard Eric Ferguson made a three-pointer for Arkansas (1-2), and Alonzo Lane's basket off a drive cut the lead to one with 41 seconds to go.

But Ferguson's shot from just past midcourt as time expired bounced off the backboard and the rim.

Antonio Reed scored 17 points for Tulsa (3-0), and Dante Swanson had 16. Johnson had 13 points and eight rebounds.

Ferguson scored 14 points and Dionisio Gomez had 13 points and 12 rebounds for Arkansas, which had beaten Tulsa seven straight times since 1987.

The Golden Hurricane had not won in Fayetteville since 1974.

No. 23 Mississippi St. 100, Jacksonville 65

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Timmy Bowers had 21 points, including four three-pointers, as Mississippi State shot 58 percent in an easy victory over Jacksonville.

Bowers led five scorers in double figures and the Bulldogs (2-1) won their second straight game without star center Mario Austin.

The school is still waiting for a ruling on Austin's eligibility after the NCAA determined he was mistakenly certified to play as a freshman.

Mississippi State dropped its opening game to Louisiana-Lafayette but was never in danger of losing to Jacksonville (3-2), which got 30 points from Kevin Sheppard.

The Bulldogs' bench outscored Jacksonville's reserves 45-6.

No. 25 Wisconsin 69, Wisconsin-Green Bay 52

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Freddie Owens scored 19 points and Kirk Penney added 18 as Wisconsin beat Wisconsin-Green Bay.

The Badgers, who committed only seven turnovers, improved to 4-0 for the first time since they opened the 1996-97 season with six straight victories.

They held UWGB to 37.5 percent shooting from the floor and forced 17 turnovers. Brandon Hansen led the Phoenix (1-3) with 14 points in their first regular-season game at the new Resch Center.

The near-capacity crowd of 9,705 was the largest to watch a college basketball game in Green Bay.

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